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Mr. Robert Duprey
 Regional Director
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
 999 18th Street, Suite 1300
 Denver, Colorado 80202

RCRA Implementation Branch

Re: Relocation of McKay and Upper Church ditches in the
 Rocky Flats buffer zone.

Dear Mr. Duprey:

The City of Broomfield's McKay and Upper Church ditches cross the Rocky Flats buffer zone just north of the plant's west access road. Charles McKay owns the mineral rights in this portion of the buffer zone and has a gravel mining operation in the area. Broomfield's ditches are currently in the middle of the gravel pit. Mr. McKay has proposed to relocate the two ditches around his gravel pit. The attached map outlines the proposal. Just east of Highway 93, the two ditches would come together into one drainage. The single ditch would gravity flow along the west access road right-of-way and then turn north across the Rocky Flats west spray field. Just north of the spray field the ditches would flow back into their original drainages. The west spray field site is going through RCRA closure due to the fact that contaminated water from the solar evaporation ponds was sprayed at the site.

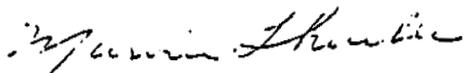
The City met with Colorado Department of Health officials to discuss the relocation proposal. After reviewing Rockwell's soil and ground water data for the west spray field site, CDH was not convinced that the site will not require some type of remediation. They have requested a more thorough characterization of the site. Since this is a RCRA closure site, CDH's recommendation was not to relocate the ditches if possible or to pipe the ditch or put in a concrete liner as a minimum. They also suggested that the City contact EPA for comments and recommendations since the relocation involves a RCRA closure site.

ADMIN RECORD

After reviewing the proposal, the City requests your comments on this matter and any recommendations you may have to help resolve this dilemma. If your staff has any questions or would like to meet to discuss the proposal, please contact Kathryn Kochevar at 466-3104.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Marvin Thurber
Director of Public Works

cc: Kathryn Kochevar
Charles McKay
Mike Sattler
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